

1 **Clean Version Of The Pending Claims Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3):**

2 **Claims 1-39**, now pending, are submitted below in accordance with 37
3 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), which presents a clean version of the entire set of pending
4 claims.

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6 1. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship
7 between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:
8 retrieving configuration details associated with a potential trading partner
9 from a remote site; and
10 automatically configuring a trading relationship with the potential trading
11 partner using the configuration details.

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13 2. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving
14 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
15 configuration details.

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17 3. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the
18 automatically configuring comprises:
19 creating a trading partner record; and
20 automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration
21 details.

1 4. (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving
2 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method comprising:
3 collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner
4 participating in the commerce trading system; and
5 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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7 5. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting
8 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
9 configuration details.

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11 6. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing
12 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)
13 at the Web site.

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15 7. (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the Web site is
16 associated with the trading partner.

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18 8. (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship
19 between trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:
20 creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner;
21 retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner
22 from a remote site; and
23 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved
24 from the remote site.
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1 **9.** (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving
2 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
3 configuration details posted to a Web site.

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5 **10.** (Unchanged) A method for establishing a trading relationship
6 between first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the
7 method comprising:

8 collecting configuration details associated with the first trading partner;

9 publishing the configuration details to a Web site;

10 creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first
11 trading partner;

12 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner
13 from the Web site; and

14 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details
15 associated with the first trading partner.

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17 **11.** (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the collecting
18 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
19 configuration details.

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21 **12.** (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
22 publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1 **13.** (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
2 publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal
3 resource locator) at the Web site.
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5 **14.** (Unchanged) A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the retrieving
6 comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the
7 Web site.
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9 **15.** (Unchanged) A system comprising:
10 a first computer system at a first trading partner;
11 a second computer system at a second trading partner;
12 a Web site;
13 the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with
14 the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site; and
15 the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the
16 Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first
17 trading partner using the configuration details.
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19 **16.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
20 computer system hosts the Web site.
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22 **17.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
23 computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
24 configuration details.
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1 **18.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
2 computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.

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4 **19.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
5 computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource
6 locator) at the Web site.

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8 **20.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second
9 computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

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11 **21.** (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the second
12 computer system creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the
13 trading partner record with the configuration details.

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15 **22.** (Unchanged) A electronic commerce system, comprising:
16 a first component at a first trading partner, the first component collecting
17 configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publishing the
18 configuration details to a Web site; and

19 a second component at a second trading partner, the second component
20 retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically
21 configuring a trading relationship with the second trading partner using the
22 configuration details.

23. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the configuration details.

24. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

25. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 24, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

26. (Once Amended) A electronic commerce system as recited in claim 22, wherein the second component creates a trading partner record and automatically populates the trading partner record with the configuration details.

27. (Unchanged) A software architecture for an electronic commerce system having trading partners that exchange data over a network, comprising:

first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first trading partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details associated with the first trading partner and publish the configuration details to a Web site; and

second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the configuration details

1 from the Web site and automatically configure a trading relationship with the
2 second trading partner using the configuration details.

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4 **28.** (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving
5 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium
6 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing
7 computer-executable instructions for:

8 collecting configuration details associated with a trading partner that
9 participates in electronic commerce; and

10 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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12 **29.** (Unchanged) In an electronic commerce trading system involving
13 exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-readable medium
14 at a computer system participating in the commerce trading system storing
15 computer-executable instructions for:

16 creating a trading partner record for a potential trading partner that
17 participates in electronic commerce;

18 retrieving configuration details associated with the potential trading partner
19 from a Web site; and

20 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved
21 from the Web site.

1 **30.** (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between
2 trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method comprising:

3 retrieving configuration details associated with a first potential trading
4 partner from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;

5 retrieving configuration details associated with the second potential trading
6 partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and

7 automatically configuring a trading relationship with the first and the
8 second potential trading partners using the configuration details.

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10 **31.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the retrieving
11 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
12 configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

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14 **32.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 30, wherein the automatically
15 configuring comprises:

16 creating a trading partner record; and

17 automatically populating the trading partner record with the configuration
18 details.

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20 **33.** (Added) A method for establishing a trading relationship between
21 first and second trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the method
22 comprising:

23 collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and
24 the second trading partners, respectively;

1 publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web
2 site;

3 creating, at the second trading partner, a trading partner record for the first
4 trading partner;

5 creating, at the first trading partner, a trading partner record for the second
6 trading partner;

7 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first trading partner
8 from the Web site;

9 retrieving the configuration details associated with the second trading
10 partner from the Web site;

11 populating the trading partner record of the second trading partner with the
12 configuration details associated with the first trading partner; and

13 populating the trading partner record of the first trading partner with the
14 configuration details associated with the second trading partner.

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16 **34.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the collecting
17 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
18 configuration details.

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20 **35.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing
21 comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1 **36.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing
2 comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web site associated
3 with the first trading partner and the second configuration details at a second Web
4 site associated with the second trading partner.

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6 **37.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 33, wherein the publishing
7 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)
8 at the Web site.

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10 **38.** (Added) A method as recited in claim 37, wherein the retrieving
11 comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted to the
12 Web site.

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14 **39.** (Added) A system comprising:
15 a first computer system at a first trading partner;
16 a second computer system at a second trading partner;
17 the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated
18 with the first trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first Web
19 site;

20 the second computer system collecting second configuration details
21 associated with the second trading partner and publishing the configuration details
22 to a second Web site;

23 the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from
24 the second Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with
25 the first trading partner using the second configuration details; and

1 the second computer system retrieving the first configuration details from
2 the first Web site and automatically configuring for a trading relationship with the
3 first trading partner using the first configuration details.
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